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FAST FORWARD

Indiana's Plan for Race to the Top

Race to the Top Overview

- Unprecedented opportunity to increase the speed and scope of reforms that will benefit every Hoosier student
- Few states are as well-positioned as Indiana to receive this historic funding, and participating LEAs could receive the financial and strategic support necessary to implement key education reforms.
- IDOE must
 - Articulate the state's education reform agenda, Fast Forward, and LEAs' participation in it;
 - Build strong statewide capacity to implement, scale up, and sustain proposed plans; and
 - Demonstrate significant progress in raising achievement and closing gaps.
- Funding amounts for participating LEAs will be determined by the size of the award to IDOE and the level of participation by LEAs.
 - 50% of funds to LEAs based on relative share of Title I funding to be spent in accordance with Fast Forward
 - 50% to be spent at State's discretion in accordance with Fast Forward



Executive Summary of Indiana's Fast Forward Plan

- Adopting standards and assessments that prepare students to succeed in college and the workplace and to compete in the global economy
- Building data systems that measure student growth and success, and inform teachers and principals about how they can improve instruction
- Recruiting, developing, rewarding, and retaining effective teachers and principals, especially where they are needed most
- Turning around our lowest-achieving schools



Application Process

- State prepares application which includes Partnership Agreement with LEAs that intend to implement applicable portions of work outlined in Fast Forward
- For an LEA to have an opportunity to receive an allocation of funds under Fast Forward, a local superintendent must join with the local school board president and local union leader to sign the partnership agreement.
- Governor and State Superintendent sign off on application; State submits application to ED
- If Indiana receives an award under RttT, each participating LEA will provide a detailed work plan to IDOE. Work plans must be consistent with Fast Forward and must be approved by IDOE. If IDOE and a participating LEA are unable to agree to a final work plan, the partnership agreement becomes invalid, and the LEA will not be allowed to participate in the implementation of Fast Forward.



Fast Forward Informational Meetings

IDOE will conduct meetings with key stakeholders in the following cities:

- December 22 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at the Central Indiana Education Service Center (6321 La Pas Trail in Indianapolis)
- December 28 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. at Madison Consolidated School Corp Administration Building (2421 Wilson Ave. in Madison)
- December 28 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at Jasper High School's Auditorium (1600 St. Charles St. in Jasper)
- December 29 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at Greencastle Senior High School's McNally Center Auditorium (910 E. Washington St., Greencastle)
- December 30 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at West Lafayette Jr./Sr. High School's Auditorium (1105 N. Grant St. in West Lafayette)
- December 30 from Noon to 1:30 p.m. (CST) at Valparaiso High School's Auditorium (2727 N. Campbell St. in Valparaiso)
- January 4 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at Wayne High School (9100 Winchester Rd. in Fort Wayne)
- January 4 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. on the Notre Dame campus in South Bend
- January 5 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. at Greenfield-Central High School's Auditorium (810 N. Broadway St. in Greenfield)

IDOE will post final meeting details at www.doe.in.gov as soon as possible.



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Important Dates

- Ongoing – Meet with key stakeholder groups
- December 17, 2009 – IDOE releases Fast Forward Executive Summary and Partnership Agreement
- December 22, 2009 to January 5, 2010 – IDOE conducts Fast Forward informational meetings
- January 12, 2010 – Participating LEAs must return agreements to IDOE no later than 5:00pm. No additional agreements will be accepted after this time.
- January 19, 2010 – Application Due
- April 2010 – Awards Announced





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